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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your patience and support over the last day. We hope that you are able to stay safe and calm. As you will know that schools remain closed from Monday 23rd March in light of the outbreak of Covid - 19 globally. Thank you also for your positive and proactive response during these very challenging times.

We have had information with regards to next week only. Flintshire County Council have taken the decision that we should open on Monday 23rd March to allow provide provision for children whose parents are **key workers**, in the instance where they are either:

- **A single parent who is a key worker**
- **Both parents are key workers**

At this point, we are waiting for more detailed information from WG regarding the definition of **key workers** as we have worked from the Flintshire County Council list, as instructed, in the first instance. As you will be aware, the Gov UK (we know that Wales is in the UK) have produced a separate list so you can appreciate how difficult this task has been for individual schools to collate from information on the Internet and official guidance. Unless we are instructed otherwise, we will adhere to the Flintshire County Council list in the first instance. Be aware this may change quickly, and we will inform you of any updates as we receive them.

It is important to remember that the point of school closures is to assist social distancing. Therefore the expectation is that any child who can safely be cared for at home should be and it is in exceptional circumstances that they will need to access the provision for key workers.

Westwood Community Primary provision will be made from Monday to Friday only. We will be open from Monday 23rd March from 8am to 5.30pm for children of parents who have identified themselves, to school, as meeting the above criteria for Key workers and the Flintshire County Council Guidance at **this moment**.

The need for further checking regarding who are key workers will be carefully considered over the coming days and weeks by the council and schools. Please stay open to this communication! It could change and we will let you know if it does!

Schools will need to have regard to the latest WG and Public Health Wales advice and guidance when considering their provision, particularly with regard to social distancing and self-isolation. If you are currently self-isolating, as per our records, you should remain in self-isolation until the period of self-isolation is complete. That includes the members of your household.

For more information, please see link below:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

At this time we have no further information, as regarding vulnerable learners, free school meals pupils and their families.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this communication, please contact school BY EMAIL wmail@hwbcymru.net.

Please be aware we are working together to give you the most up to date information. We expect that you have provided us with correct information as well. Your support and patience is welcomed during this period of re purpose for schools. Ultimately, we want all of our Westwood family to be safe- staff, parents and pupils.

Kindest regards,

Mrs J.S. Williams
Head Teacher